

State Water Resources Control Board

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SUBJECT: WATER QUALITY BENEFITS OF THE SITES PROJECT MEET ALL THE
REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 8, DIVISION 26.7 OF THE WATER CODE

The State Water Resources Control Board (Board) recognizes the value and importance of additional surface water and groundwater storage in California. The Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) represents an important opportunity to invest in California's water future, ensure a more reliable and resilient water supply, and restore important species and habitat. The Board continues to acknowledge the complexity of the task and the efforts of applicants to date.

As part of WSIP implementation, the California Water Commission regulations call for a finding from the Board that the public benefits of projects meet the requirements of Water Code sections 79750 *et seq.* for which the Board is responsible. Based on our technical review of project application materials, the Board finds that the water quality benefits of the Sites Project meet all the requirements of chapter 8, division 26.7 of the Water Code.

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